

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In the Matter of:

MICHAEL JOSEPH MADIGAN,

Attorney No. 1727672,

Movant.

Supreme Court No. M.R.

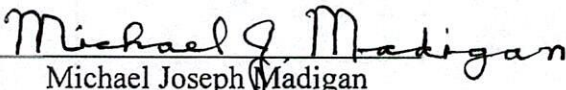
Commission No.

MOTION PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a)

Movant, Michael Joseph Madigan, respectfully represents to the Court that:

1. Movant was licensed to practice law in Illinois on November 9, 1967.
2. Movant desires to have his name stricken from the roll of attorneys pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a), effective immediately.
3. Filed contemporaneously with this motion are a statement of charges prepared by the Administrator and Movant's affidavit in support of this motion.

WHEREFORE, Movant respectfully requests that the Court enter an order striking his name from the roll of attorneys.


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STATEMENT OF CHARGES
PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a)

Lea S. Gutierrez, Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, by her attorney, Scott Renfroe, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a), reports to the Court that on the date Michael Joseph Madigan (hereinafter “Movant”) filed a motion requesting that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys, the Administrator was investigating the conduct that formed the basis for Movant’s conviction for a pattern of racketeering and other conduct in the matter entitled *United States of America v. Madigan, et al.*, docket number 22 CR 115 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Had Movant’s conduct been the subject of a hearing, the Administrator would have introduced the evidence described below, and that evidence would have clearly and convincingly established the misconduct set forth below:

I. FACTUAL BASIS

Documents from the case of *United States of America v. Madigan, et al.*, docket number 22 CR 115 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, including certified copies of the superseding indictment and the judgment of conviction, would establish the following facts:

A. *Summary of Charges Contained in the Superseding Indictment*

1. On October 12, 2022, a federal grand jury in the Northern District of Illinois charged Movant and a co-defendant with conspiracy to defraud the United States, solicitation of

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bribes, and other criminal conduct in a 23-count superseding indictment. The case was docketed as *United States of America v. Madigan, et al.*, 22 CR 115.

2. More specifically, Count Two of the superseding indictment charged that Movant conspired with others to defraud the United States, in violation Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 2, by acting to corruptly solicit and accept jobs, contracts, and monetary payments from the Exelon Corporation and its indirect subsidiary, Commonwealth Edison (“ComEd”), for his benefit or the benefit of his associates.

3. Count Four of the superseding indictment charged that Movant solicited or accepted bribes, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(B), based on an associate’s receipt of a series of \$5,000 monthly payments from ComEd.

4. Count Five of the superseding indictment charged that Movant and others used the mail or another facility in interstate commerce to carry out illegal activities (bribery and legislative misconduct), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952(a)(3) and 2, based on an associate’s having sent a June 29, 2018 email message to a ComEd employee containing false information about those \$5,000 monthly payments, which were intended for a person who did little or no work to justify those payments.

5. Count Six of the superseding indictment charged that Movant and others used the mail or another facility in interstate commerce to carry out illegal activities (bribery and legislative misconduct), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952(a)(3) and 2, based on an associate’s January 29, 2019 meeting with a ComEd senior vice president to discuss the renewal of a contract, and the subsequent execution of that contract, which falsely described the services to be provided to ComEd in exchange for a series of payments to three individuals who did little or no legitimate work to justify those payments.

6. Count Eight of the superseding indictment charged that Movant, who was then the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives and the Committeeman for Chicago's Thirteenth Ward Democratic Organization, conspired with others to defraud the people of Illinois of their intangible right to his honest services through bribery and false and fraudulent pretenses, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346, by participating in a scheme by which the Alderman of Chicago's 25th Ward (who was Chairman of the Chicago City Council's Committee on Zoning, Landmarks & Building Standards) agreed to steer legal business to Movant's private law firm in exchange for Movant's influence on the incoming Governor of Illinois to appoint the Alderman to a State board with the expectation that he would receive an annual salary in excess of \$100,000. As part of that scheme, Movant caused his assistant to send an email message on August 21, 2018 to the Alderman's assistant confirming Movant's availability to meet with a prospective legal client.

7. Count Nine of the superseding indictment charged that Movant conspired with others to defraud the people of Illinois of their intangible right to his honest services through bribery and false and fraudulent pretenses, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346, by causing his assistant to send an email message on December 4, 2018 to the Thirteenth Ward Office that contained the resumes of the 25th Ward Alderman and the Alderman's relative.

8. Count Ten of the superseding indictment charged that Movant conspired with others to defraud the people of Illinois of their intangible right to his honest services through bribery and false and fraudulent pretenses, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346, by causing his assistant to send an email message on December 4, 2018 to an assistant at Movant's private law firm that contained the resumes of the 25th Ward Alderman and the Alderman's relative.

9. Count Twelve of the superseding indictment charged that Movant used the mail or another facility in interstate commerce to carry out illegal activities (bribery and legislative misconduct), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952(a)(3) and 2, based on Movant having made a cellular telephone call on August 15, 2018 to the 25th Ward Alderman in which Movant asked the Alderman to encourage a prospective legal client to retain Movant's private law firm to perform legal services in connection with property in which Movant believed the prospective client had an interest.

10. Count Thirteen of the superseding indictment charged that Movant used the mail or another facility in interstate commerce to carry out illegal activities (bribery and legislative misconduct), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952(a)(3) and 2, based on Movant having made a cellular telephone call on August 31, 2018 to ask the 25th Ward Alderman to advise a prospective legal client that Movant was interested in providing legal services to the prospective client.

11. Finally, Count Fourteen of the superseding indictment charged that Movant used the mail or another facility in interstate commerce to carry out illegal activities (bribery and legislative misconduct), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952(a)(3) and 2, based on Movant having made a cellular telephone call on December 1, 2018 to confirm the 25th Ward Alderman's interest in being appointed to the Illinois Commerce Commission or the Illinois Labor Relations Board.

B. *The Trial and its Aftermath*

12. Jury selection in *United States of America v. Madigan, et al.* began on October 9, 2024 and the trial, which was presided over by the Honorable John Robert Blakey, began twelve days later. The trial continued on various days until January 29, 2025, when the jury began its deliberations. Those deliberations continued until February 12, 2025, when the jury found

Movant guilty of the charges contained in Counts Two, Four, Five, Six, Eight, Nine, Ten, Twelve, Thirteen and Fourteen of the superseding indictment, and not guilty of charges contained in Counts Three, Seven, Eleven, Fifteen, Sixteen, Seventeen and Eighteen. The jury was unable to reach a verdict as to Counts One, Nineteen, Twenty, Twenty-One, Twenty-Two, and Twenty-Three of the superseding indictment, and a mistrial was declared as to those Counts.

13. On March 28, 2025, counsel for Movant filed a motion for a judgment of acquittal or for a new trial. The United States Attorney filed a response to that motion on April 28, 2025, and counsel for Movant filed a reply to that response on May 5, 2025. On June 9, 2025, Judge Blakey orally denied Movant's motions for a judgment of acquittal or a new trial.

14. At a June 13, 2025, sentencing hearing, Judge Blakey sentenced Movant to serve a period of 90 months (7.5 years) in prison as to Counts Four, Six, Eight, Nine, and Ten, to run concurrently, and to serve a period of 60 months (five years) in prison as to Counts Two, Twelve, Thirteen and Fourteen, also to run concurrently. On July 5, 2025, Judge Blakey entered a 101-page order denying Movant's motions for a judgment of acquittal or a new trial.

15. On July 15, 2025, Judge Blakey entered a judgment of conviction in case number 22 CR 115 that recommended that Movant's prison sentence be served following his evaluation for placement at the Federal Correctional Institution Satellite Camp in Terre Haute, Indiana, and ordered that Movant serve a three-year period of supervised release, subject to certain conditions, following his release from prison. Judge Blakey also imposed a \$2,500,000 fine and a \$1,000 assessment against Movant.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF MISCONDUCT

16. By reason of the conduct described above, Movant has engaged in the following misconduct:

- a. committed criminal acts that reflect adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, by conduct including his conviction for the federal criminal offenses of: conspiring with others to defraud the United States, in violation Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 2; soliciting or accepting bribes, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(B); using the mail or another facility in interstate commerce to carry out illegal activities (bribery and legislative misconduct), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952(a)(3) and 2; and conspiring with others to defraud the people of Illinois of their intangible right to his honest services through bribery and false and fraudulent pretenses, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346, all in violation of Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010); and
- b. conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, by conduct including conspiring to defraud and using the mail or another facility in interstate commerce to defraud, in violation of Rule 8.4(c) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

Lea S. Gutierrez, Administrator
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AFFIDAVIT

Michael Joseph Madigan ("Affiant"), being first duly sworn, on oath states that:

1. Affiant has signed a motion to strike his name from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice law in Illinois, pursuant to Rule 762(a).
2. Affiant has received from the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission a copy of the statement of charges that were pending against him.
3. Affiant stipulates that if the charges set forth in the statement of charges proceeded to hearing, the judgment of conviction would be offered into evidence and, under Rule 761(f), would constitute conclusive evidence of his guilt of the crimes for purposes of the disciplinary proceeding.
4. Affiant's motion to strike his name from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice in Illinois is freely and voluntarily made.
5. Affiant understands the nature and consequences of the motion.
6. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

Michael J. Madigan
Michael Joseph Madigan

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 19 day of August, 2025

April Burgos
NOTARY PUBLIC

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 19, 2025, electronic copies of Movant's MOTION PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a), Administrator's STATEMENT OF CHARGES and Movant's AFFIDAVIT, were submitted to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for filing. On that same date, a copy was served on Counsel for Movant, by email at tbreen@breenpughlaw.com at or before 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an attorney, hereby certifies, pursuant to the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, 735 ILCS 5/109, that the Administrator served copies of the Notice of Filing, Movant's MOTION PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a), Administrator's STATEMENT OF CHARGES PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a) and Movant's AFFIDAVIT, on the individual shown on the forgoing Notice of Filing, by email at tbreen@breenpughlaw.com on August 19, 2025 at or before 4:00 p.m.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Scott Renfroe
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